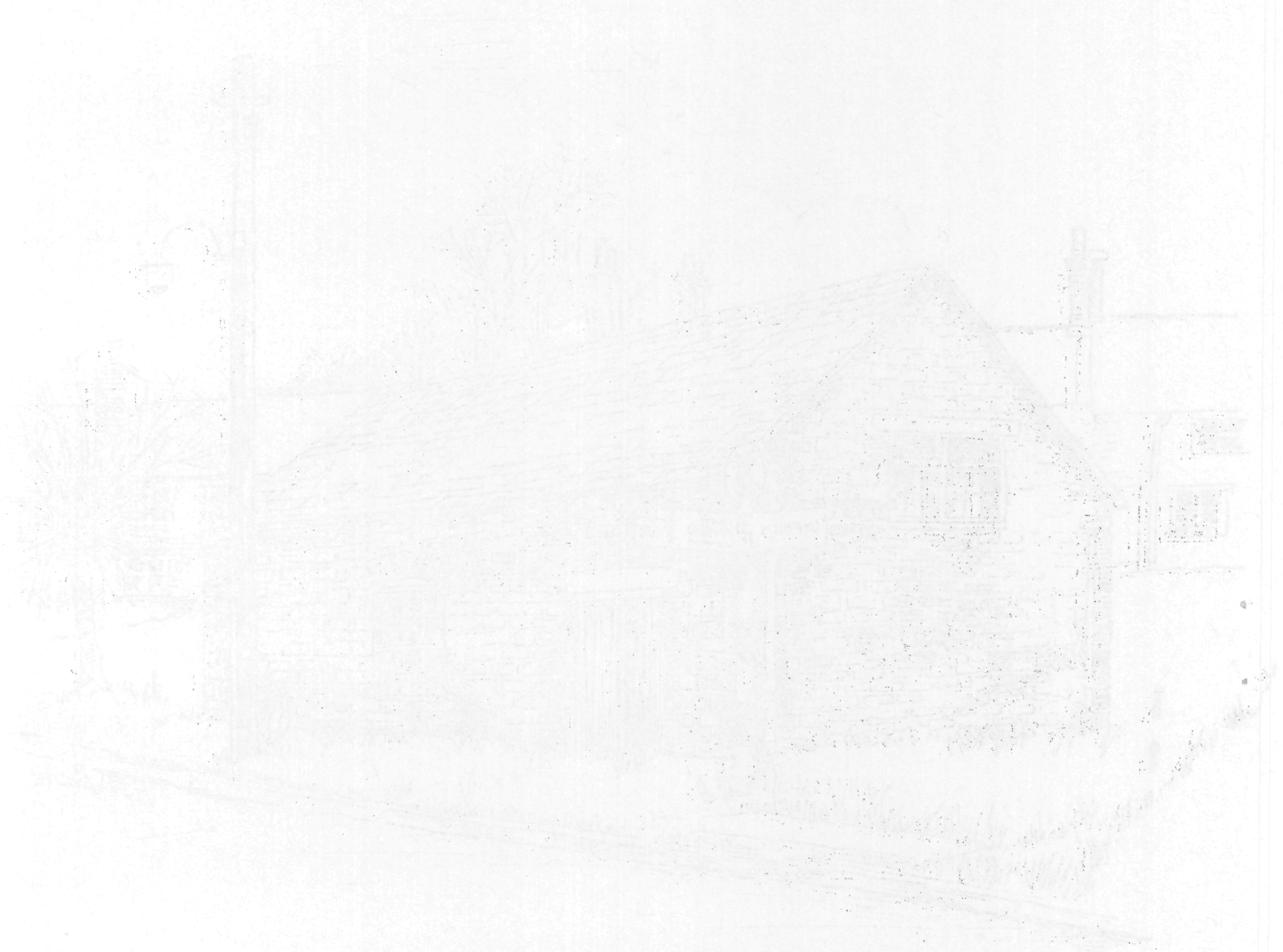


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This month's cover drawing by Ted Robinson is of the Old Mortuary in Goose Green, recently the subject of controversy and concern among residents and Parish Councillors alike.

The story started some months ago when a 'To Let' notice appeared on the building, advertising the Cherwell District Council telephone number. This angered many older local residents who are convinced that the building belongs not to the District Council but to Deddington's Charity Estates. Known locally as the Coal Barn, it was used to store the coal which was distributed annually up until about 1901 by the Charity Commissioners, or Feoffees, to the poor of the parish. In the winter of 1849-50, for example, over 220 families were supplied with coal at one shilling a hundredweight by means of this charity. But the Feoffees have no evidence to support a claim of ownership.

What Cherwell District Council are saying is that in 1907 it was acquired by the Parish Council and used as a Fire Station. The authority for the Fire Brigade passed in 1938 from Deddington to the then Banbury Rural District Council, which of course later became part of Cherwell District. They are now trying to let the building which recently has become neither secure nor watertight, and, in fact a planning application from Laurel House Antiques Centre to use the barn for storage, has recently been passed by them.

DEDDINGTON DIARY

11th Mar	Any questions Warriner School
14th	Christian Harmony Singing Group 7.30p.m. Cong. Church
25th	M.U. 10a.m. Communion Parish Church 7.30p.m. Quiet Evening Adderbury
26th	Playgroup Knit-In
1st Apr	Bring & Buy 10.30a.m. Castle End House for Women's Caring Trust
1st	Deddington Ladies 8p.m. HTC
2nd	M.U. Talk by Miss M. Oliver 2p.m.
9th	Warriner School Cheese & Wine Evening

PERSONAL: A very big 'Thank you' to all who have come out to me in kindness, sympathy and understnading in the passing of my husband Lewis. Your caring is deeply appreciated. Amy Foreman, 1 Mackley Close

CRICKET

If anyone is interested in offering their support for a Cricket Club in Deddington if one were formed, then I should be pleased to hear from them.

Anyone with special abilities, i.e. playing, umpiring, groundsman, administrative etc. please give details.

John Burdon, Eastleigh, New St. Tel:38150

V.I. REPORT

We had the February meeting at the Holly Tree Club on Tuesday 10th. During the business meeting our attention was drawn to the fact that Oxfordshire now has some 7,000 members and can boast 198 Institutes. So the movement continues to flourish with all its various activities. This month one member had been to a course on weaving which sounded very worthwhile.

Our speaker on this occasion was Mrs. Stilgoe who gave a very moving account of the Flying Doctor Service in Zambia. She had been a Nurse working for this and she showed slides and told us a little about the hopes and the difficulties the service had to face. Some of their patients out there had to walk for days to reach the nearest clinic and showed great faith to allow themselves to be flown to hospital for treatment and operations.

Deddington members arranged a fund-raising coffee morning on St. Valentine's Day and Mrs. Powell kindly opened her house for this purpose. But when visitors seemed slow to come into the house, we decided to put a stall out into the Square, and like magic the cakes and preserves were sold in record time. Nearly £60 was raised, though it was a bitterly cold morning.

Our thanks to Mrs. Powell for her hospitality and as it is nearly the end of the year for our Institute, we should like to thank all those hostesses who have provided us with delicious cakes at our meetings during the last twelve months. Most of our members are busy women but they never stint their time and effort to make and bake.

Next meeting: March 10th AGM and members evening

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Country Sausage Pie

We learnt this when we had our cookery classes in the autumn. It's a very filling and tasty pie and can be eaten hot or cold.

Pastry: 3oz wholemeal flour; 3oz SR flour; salt; 3oz fat ($\frac{1}{2}$ lard, $\frac{1}{2}$ marg); water to mix

Filling: 1lb sausagemeat; 2 chopped leeks; 3 rashers chopped bacon; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb mushrooms chopped; 1 medium onion chopped; 2 eggs; mustard; parsley

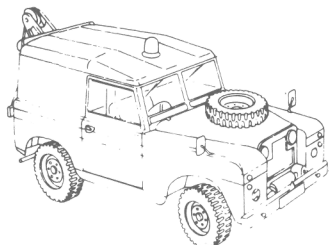
Method: Make up the pastry and line an 8" tin. Glaze all chopped ingredients in a little fat. Add sausagemeat and cook for 15 minutes, stirring. Add parsley, mustard and season. Spread over pastry base. Beat eggs and pour over the top and work in a little.

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Marianne Elsley

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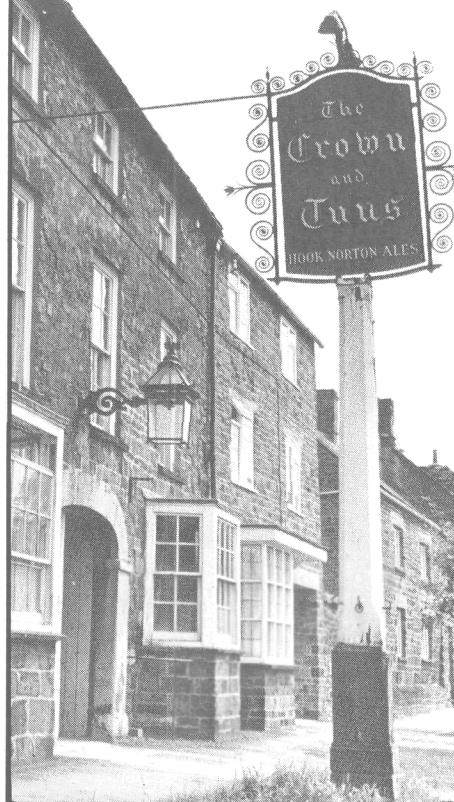
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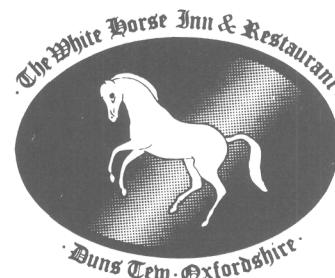
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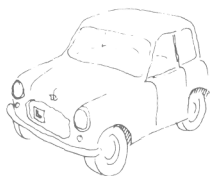
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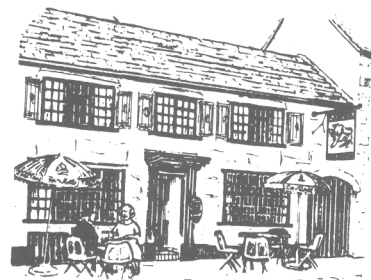
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DEDDINGTON COUNCIL TENANTS GROUP

All the people involved with the recent rent strike were impressed by Deddington's efforts and achievements during this time and we are now hoping to work more closely with the Council.

Plans are now going ahead for essential repairs to be collected together from tenants, and forwarded to the Council. All repairs should be written down on paper, together with names and addresses and handed to any one of the Committee members.

Mrs. P. Dancer, Secretary

GUIDES

We seem to have had a very busy term so far - working hard still at our badges - in particular Home Nursing. Everyone had a try at mouth to mouth when we had the chance to borrow a Resussi-Ann recently.

For our Thinking Day ceremony and celebrations we invited Middle Barton Guides over for the evening and through quizzes and games we learnt a bit more about life and Guiding in other parts of the world. Each Deddington Guide brought an item of food produced in another country - and the evening was concluded by the inevitable bean feast. Thanks to all the Mums who allowed the girls to raid the larder.

During half term we continued our celebrations of Thinking Day with a hike. On Wednesday 25th February we met in the snow and walked down towards the gated Milton road. About half way along at a pre-arranged place we met Guides from 1st and 2nd Bloxham companies.

Watched by a huge flock of puzzled sheep, we soon had a fire going and the billies on. Then after a game of rounders on a sloping snow covered hill field, the Guides collapsed in a heap and tucked into sandwiches, hot soup and cocoa. Just time for a snowball fight and a paddle in the mud and it was time to head for home.

We feel that anyone can go for a walk and a picnic in the summer but not everyone can do it in thick snow with more coming down! We also discovered why rounders is not widely proclaimed as a winter sport - you can't find the white ball once it's been hit or thrown!

Two events to look forward to in the coming week - our Enrolment ceremony of 4 new Guides and some of us are off to the Gang Show in Oxford on Thursday.

Congratulations to Julie Kellar and Cathryn Blackburn on gaining their cooks badges.

Special note to parents - please jot it on the calendar - our meeting on Tuesday 7th April for that night only will be held at the Holly Tree Club and will finish at 9.15p.m. Mrs. Sue Baxter from Eanbury Technical College will be giving a demonstration and talk on skin care and make-up and cannot join us until the latter part of the meeting.

Maggie Rampley

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4th March 1981

The new Clerk to the Council is Mr. Alan Gardener of 23 The Daedings. Tel: 38138

Present: Jill Cheeseman, Roger Gardner, Ken Garrett, Roy Garvey, Rodney Hayward, Alistair McKenzie, Mike O'Neil, Mary Robinson, Montgomery Spencer, Bob Stevens, Douglas Ward, John Webber, Donald Welford

The Chairman asked all those present to stand in silence for one minute in memory of Lewis Foreman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read. Mr. O'Neil pointed out that he had requested that his vote against the acceptance of the OCC offer on the Windmill site be formally registered but that this had been omitted. The minutes were changed accordingly and then passed.

Under Matters Arising, Mrs. Robinson wanted the Parish Council to reconsider its decision of 24th September 1980 in which Mr. Robert Forsythe had been described as being against the lighting scheme for the High Street and also that his letter to Mr. Neil Marten had only represented his own personal view. Mr. McKenzie suggested that if Mr. Forsythe had sent a copy of his letter to the PC at the outset, the chances of any misunderstanding would probably have been eliminated. A proposal by Mrs. Cheeseman that the minutes of that date be changed was defeated nine votes to two. Mr. McKenzie also pointed out that the placement of the new sign concerning parking at the Castle Grounds was misleading but, following a discussion he agreed to withdraw his complaint.

Correspondence included requests from various local groups to hold market stalls under the Town Hall, all of which were approved. A letter from Mr. Webb concerning dangerous parking in Philcote Street and on Goose Green and a letter from the Football Club expressing interest in using the Windmill site as a second pitch. This letter led the Chairman to the item on the agenda concerning the Windmill site.

Following protests by Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Gardner, a letter from Mr. John Cole was read out. The Chairman had felt initially that since the Councillors already had copies of the letter, this was unnecessary. The discussion that followed was very much based on the contents of the letter which I reproduce in its entirety with Mr. Cole's permission.

"
Dear Sir,

Deddington Village Hall proposals

It is with some concern that I read of the present proposals for the Village Hall scheme.

At the public meeting last year, as I recall, the Council was to investigate and report back at a further public meeting before any commitment was made. It would appear that this has not been done and a hasty acceptance of the County's terms has involved a charge upon the ratepayers without a very clear picture of what that commitment amounts to.

It might be considered as follows:

- a) a considerable sum to be expended to renovate the building to required safety standards and a reasonable level of amenity. Today's costs suggest that even £10,000 may be considered a derisory sum.
 - b) there is an annual rental of £1,700 p.a. plus rates, maintenance heating etc. say annual outgoings of some £5,000 p.a.
- These total an annual charge of about £7,000 or £140 per week.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES CONT.

I and others will be very interested to hear what proposals there are to organise and maintain the sort of activity that will generate this sort of income and to hear detailed estimates of work to be done and the costs thereof.

A village hall is a good idea but costs must be cut to fit the cloth and after all this expenditure it is still only a leased property. I urge you to consider the costs of this venture very carefully for the ratepayer already has sufficient on his plate and it is the ratepayer's money that is involved here.

A viable hall, if it can be done, yes. A costly white elephant -no."

Mr. O'Neil supported the letter's aim of establishing how much serious costing had been undertaken by the Council on the Windmill project. Mr. Spencer argued that because of the six month no rental period no expenses had been incurred to this point. The Chairman reiterated that the £1,700 rent was a price that the Parish Council was prepared to pay out of the rates in order that the opportunity was not lost for the Parish to have its own community centre. This approach was strongly supported by Mr. Webber who reminded Council that if this opportunity was lost, it was most unlikely ever to come again. Mr. Ward then proposed that the Council would support the immediate setting up of a community centre management committee which would set as its first task the problem of financing the project. Mrs. Cheeseman seconded the motion. It was passed by ten votes to two.

Norman Drake

DEDDINGTON LADIES

Our February meeting was full of interest when Mr. John Cheney of the printers in Banbury showed us photographs and talked of his holiday in the Holy Land.

March 4th: we have a cookery demonstration by Bamix with a new collection of various mixers and blenders.

April 1st: Easter is upon us again so this month we are feeling very seasonal. Mrs. Hawkin from Wincotts in Banbury will join us to demonstrate with dried flowers. Also to keep us really in the Easter spirit we are running a fun competition. First although it's April the first, we are not folling, we would like to see lots of Easter bonnets. That should leave lots to your imagination. Secondly, decorate an egg any way you can. It may be patterned, faces or just comical, it's up to you. So ladies, get cracking.

I would like to welcome all new and old members to Deddington Ladies. Come and see us on April 1st, have a free cup of coffee, meet new people and enjoy yourselves.

Debbie King

WINDMILL SCHOOL

The Parish Council have called a public meeting which will be held in The Town Hall on Tuesday, 31st March at 7.15p.m., to set up a steering committee to consider the feasibility of using the Windmill School and its surrounds as a Village Hall.

If you are interested in getting this venture off the ground please do your best to attend this very important meeting. A representative of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council will be present to answer questions.

DEDDINGTON RANGER GUIDES

Our blanket knitting and weaving is going well: thanks to those who let me have wool.

On 12th March we are joining 7th Banbury Venture Scouts for an indoor evening. On 13th we are visiting Spiceball and on 15th we are doing walking training with other Rangers and Guiders at Bodicote.

At the end of the month we are hoping to hold a coffee evening to raise money to help finance those Rangers who are lucky enough to be chosen to go abroad.

Jackie Stammers

THE WARRINER SCHOOL

For 'third' year pupils, it is 'Options' time and the enormous problem of choosing which subjects is shared between teachers, parents and pupils. Why should this task be so difficult? The answer is simply that the 'system' allows for a wider choice for the pupil. I confess a personal dislike of a system which, in order to work, requires third year pupils (children age 13/14) to start thinking about a career - much too early in my view. But changing systems, if change is desirable, cannot be done overnight. For the present, what does slightly worry me, is that career or further education doors may be closed in the future if the 'mix' is not right i.e. the decision as to this or that subject is too lightly made. This is not to say that the school does not look at the overall balance of the subjects chosen but do we, the parents, prepare in time for this inevitable decision making time by discussion at home? Hastily made career choices made by pupils can create pressures at home and it might appear that these ideas stem from the school not from our children. Incidentally will second year parents please note that should they prefer to be present at third year options interviews next year then this can be arranged if prior notice is made to either Mr. Perrot or Mr. H. Thomas. In any case, interested parents are encouraged to come and discuss the 'Option Interview' with Mr. Perrot and Mr. Thomas if they are worried about a particular point or subject(s) recommended.

A number of parents have asked me to bring up the vexed question of insufficient homework and I shall be discussing this next time.

Regarding social matters - the Valentine's Dance was a great success possibly because the cold evening made everyone dance. A modest profit of around £40 was made.

Looking forward, I am hopeful that the 'Any Questions' evening on 11th March will be well supported by parents and they will send their questions in.

A successful 'Sponsored Run' will enable the loan on the mini bus to be paid off and it is hoped that we can also pay for a garage as a suitable building is now available.

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BROWNIES

Our Christmas concert in December was a happy occasion with lots of support from our parents and friends. All the Brownies took part and did very well.

The new year started with a trip to the New Theatre, Oxford to see Cinderella. We went with Barford Brownies so we were a party of 44. Alice Bouverie, Melanie Osborn and Stephanie Paul have become Guides and Emma Holmes, Sarah Maskery and Julia White and later on Samantha Fairns have become Brownies.

Thinking Day which is when we remember other Brownies and Guides over the world, is on February 22nd and we kept busy a few weeks beforehand preparing for it. Adderbury Brownies came to us on February 24th (being the meeting nearest the 22nd) and we celebrated by entertaining them, eating, and then having a candle-lit ceremony during which our Thinking Day pennies were collected up and Samantha made her Promise. In return Adderbury Brownies invited us to their Pancake Races on the 26th (again not the right day!). Only four Brownies could come but it was great fun and I hope we shall be able to go again.

Please could I thank anybody who has given us silver foil (and I have appreciated that it has been well washed and doesn't smell!) and used stamps. I do not always know from whom the gifts come, so I can only thank you now. The silver foil goes to the Guide Dogs for the Blind and the stamps towards the upkeep of Oxfordshire's Guide and Brownie house (Jubilee House) near Oxford.

Vivienne Fleydell-Bouverie

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Since our last report our first team manager has resigned and the job has been taken over by John Spencer and Geoff Middleton. There is a marked improvement in both first and second teams although league progress is not as good as we had hoped at the start of the season. The first team are through to the second round of the Guardian Cup by disposing of Unicorn Sports by 5-1 with 4 goals from Karl Thompson on his debut. My personal praise goes to our Reserves who have had to prop up the Firsts this season more than ever but have still battled on and have the satisfaction of reaching the Mann Cup semi-final.

Youth Team: It is obvious that we lack a youth policy and we are therefore giving serious thought to the formation of a youth team possibly to play on Sunday mornings in the Banbury League. If any youths of 16 years upwards are interested please contact me on Deddington 38927.

350 Club: Our 350 Club ends its year in March and this year we hope to increase its membership to 400 and we are increasing the weekly prizemoney. As this is our only means of financial support we would like to thank all members of the 350 Club for their support over the past year and look forward to their participation in the new 400 Club. If you would like to become a member of this club, please phone Deddington 38647 or 38927 or ask any DFEC-member.

Rodney Hayward

SCOUTS

Welcome to the six Cubs who have decided to brave the rigours of joining Scouts. They are working hard on their Link Badge and should be invested into the Scouts fairly soon.

Congratulations to Paul Wilkins and Lee Hall on being promoted to Senior P.L.s; Gareth Byast and David Freedy to P.L.s; Warren Kermode and Tim Dowman to Assistant P.L.s.

Warren Kermode and Ian Wilkins have gained their Scout Standard. Well done.

On 5th March we shall be joining some Guides and a mob from Middle Barton for a visit to the Oxford Gang Show. Our thanks to Middle Barton Scouts for organising the trip.

Our big day will soon be upon us. March 7th. Our eviction day. After two years of indecision OCC have finally given us notice to leave our H.Q. in the old Windmill School. A new meeting place is being organised.

Robin Stammers

CHURCH NEWS

How old are you?

CONFIRMATION 1981. The Bishop of Dorchester comes here next September to confirm candidates, both adults and children. I shall be glad to have names as soon as possible. There is no maximum age for adults. (More adults were confirmed last year than for many years past in the Church of England.) The minimum age for a child is about 10+. This minimum age is not exact because some children grow faster than others, not only in height and strength but in powers of learning and understanding. The family background clearly makes a difference also.

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Richard Hannah

NATURE NOTES

The snow which fell on the night of 21st February caused problems the next day to man and beast alike. I walked to Hempton and then down the bridle path leading north to Barford on that Sunday morning. After the first twenty or thirty yards, I found I was the first human to have walked in the newly fallen snow. First human perhaps but not the first animal. The lane was crossed all the way down with footprints of birds, rabbits, hares, fox and in one place under the hedge the very small footprints of possibly a weasle. I disturbed a pheasant sheltering from the wind in a hedge. It did not fly away but struggled to run over the snow down the lane in front of me, making a great noise in the quiet of the morning. In one group of trees a large roost of 178 wood pigeons sat all puffed up to nearly twice their size and with their backs to the prevailing east wind.

Earlier in January on a sunny afternoon, I leant against a gate of a ploughed field in Deddington and saw a huge flock of small birds moving over the turned earth and eating small seeds and insects. The flock consisted of chaffinches, greenfinches, goldfinches, linnets, yellow hammers and tree sparrows. It was impossible to count them, there were so many and always moving onwards, but I would guess there were about four to five hundred. With the naked eye they could not be seen but with the aid of binoculars, they make a wonderful sight with the sun shining on the many colours of their feathers.

Well, we held our breath and wondered if one Spencer would upstage the lesser mortal, but Lady Diana wisely opted for a later date to give us a clear field for 4th July. And with the goodies we have in store, we'll need it! Events are shaping up nicely and this is the way the programme looks so far.

4. Clay Pigeon Shhot - in one of Brian Fuller's Earls Lane fields, to be organised by Brian Parker. Details not yet finalised.

local children's entertainer, Graham Anker, will keep the wee ones occupied while they tackle their parent's Granny Blackburn

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

This year's pantomime was Cinderella at the New Theatre, Oxford. It was a very good show built around Russ Abbot who was on the stage for most of the time. He made a tall Buttons but his humour kept pace with his height. Just to look at him caused laughter all round. All the cast acted well, especially the Ugly Sisters. Alan Haynes could have swept the floor with his false eyelashes. Cinderella's coach was a joy to behold with those adorable ponies trained by Walter Lucken. How the children loved Pepi and his friends. In fact it was well worth seeing. Such mild weather for the time of year made the coach ride home most enjoyable.

Florence Anderson

HEMPTON NEWS

Once again Father Christmas honoured us with a visit on Christmas morning and this year very real assistance was rendered by a locally recruited horse.

Just after New Year, a near capacity crowd of children and young people met at the Church Room for a party with games and records. Actually it doesn't need a very large number to fill the Room but at least we have it and, apart from private parties and occasional Residents Association or Youth Club activities, a regular weekly event has been the Art Class organised by Mrs. Gladys Hammond.

The Church itself has been freshly decorated inside with the proceeds of a generous and anonymous donation.

John Webber

MOTHERS UNION

On 19th February we met at the Vicarage for a talk by Mrs. Irene Cole of Adderbury MU about her recent visit to the Gambia, West Africa and the work of the Mothers Union there. It was a most enjoyable evening, the talk being illustrated with colourful slides.

Our next event will be the Womens World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March at the Wesleyan Chapel.

On Lady Day 25th March we will be attending corporate communion 10a.m. Parish Church as a group and the same evening at 7.30p.m. there is a quiet evening at Adderbury Parish Church. Members are reminded to contact me if they can help with or require transport.

The April meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April at Police House No 2 (provisionally) at 2p.m. A talk will be given by Miss Margaret Cliver from Enstone.

Maggie Rampley

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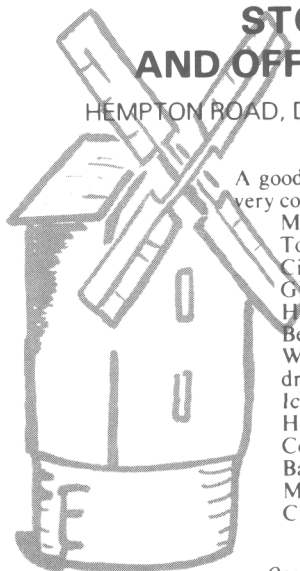
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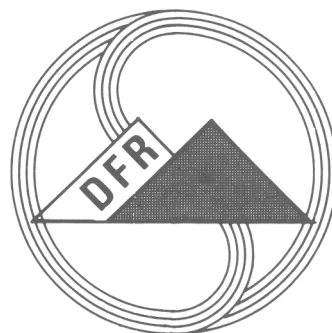
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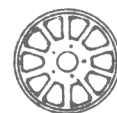
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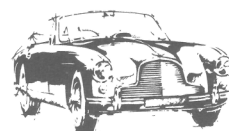


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